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Marriage—A Failure?

BY JULIE CLOSSON KENLY.

Big Nichol Helm sat coddling away at the sole of a shoe. The new leather looked pink under his dirty hands. It was very hot in his stuffy shop, and he had pinned a newspaper before the window for shade; not that he minded the sun himself, though the water splashed down in green salt drops from his forehead, but to shade the woman and child who sat near him. She had opened her calico dress about her shawl, stringy throat, and her skin glistened with the heat. In her lap lay the baby, very thin and limp. A slit of white showed under the drooping lids, and its eyes were strained and sunken. From time to time it moved restlessly; then the mother would start from her drowsing to brush the flies away. "Oh, papa," she said at last, "the baby's awful sick, an' it's gettin' hotter and hotter every minute."

"Never mind, wife," replied big Nichol bravely. "He ain't half so sick as he looks; it's just because you're tired out a-watchin' him that you think so. Why, he laughed just as natural then when I held out my awl at him!"

The woman smiled pitifully. "Maybe, papa, maybe."

The shadow of the newspaper slid slowly across the room. Out on the street the hot air waved like colorless flames. There were trees before Nichol Helm's house, but the caterpillars had tied up the shade in snarls of web and gnawed leaf. Presently the woman spoke again.

"We've had ten, an' every one was prettier an' knowin' than the last. This one was awful forward; only a week back he drew himself up by a chair an' stood steady for the longest, an' he knowed you, papa, just as well!"

Nichol leaned toward the sick child. "He's fallen off terrible rapid. He used to be the fattest of all." He took one of its tiny yellow hands in his own hairy fist. "Look at yer daddie, little feller," he chirruped; but the child did not notice him.

with sleep, and his arm grew numb. Yet he sat there that the sick child might catch some stray breeze denied to the suffocating city.

"Poor little kid," he whispered. "He'd have died in that hole of a bedroom to-night."

The sky above the city grew dark, and across it quivered a vague fan of reflected light. The river, too, turned black and oily, and the lights no longer quivered in it, but lay motionless along the banks, a straight fringe, glossy as threads of colored silk. Still the man sat there with the baby breathing peacefully in his arms.

After his work was done, big Nichol drew a chair out of doors and sat down to read his paper. At this time of day the street was a common living room. Hundreds of children swarmed and sprawled on the hot pavement, while the women sat on the steps, fanning themselves with their aprons and gossiping languidly. Now and then a puff of coolness drifted up from the river with an audible murmur of thankfulness in its wake.

Mrs. Helm came out of the house and stood beside her husband.

"Is your hand much sore tonight?" she enquired anxiously, as she caught a frown of pain on the man's face.

A day or so before Nichol had driven an awl through the thumb of his right hand, and now it was tied up in a wad of rag, rather dirty and blood stained.

"It hurts worse tonight than it ever done. It jumps like a devil was pounding away under it," Nichol Helm answered gloomily, for his thumb was necessary to his trade, and his trade was necessary to his own and ten other lives.

"Tomorrow you mus' go to the doctor, papa."

"Go to the doctor!" snarled Nichol savagely. "When I ain't even put by a cent for coal, an' winter coming nearer every day."

"It ain't here yet," laughed the woman, looking up to where the moon hung in the hot twilight, white as a bubble of milk, "an' you mus' go the first thing tomorrow."

"I'll see myself dead first!" growled the man; but he went—and she went with him.

The doctor looked at the poor hand, all puffed and crimson.

"The thumb will have to come off. It's just like you people to wait until it's too late, then come here and expect me to cure you! You will be lucky if you don't lose your arm."

Nichol Helm staggered back with a gasp. The sorrows of the poor come badly, with nothing to soften their announcement; for between them and the facts of life there is no buffet of gold and silver to turn the cruellest truth to mercy.

Nichol was very tired. His eyes stung

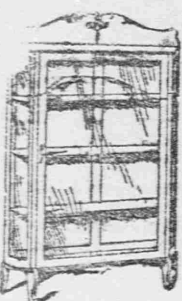
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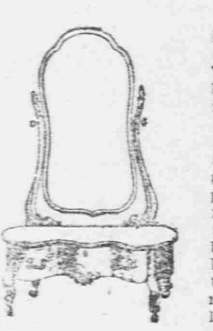
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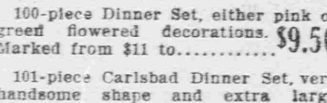
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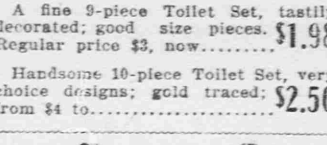
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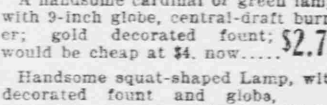
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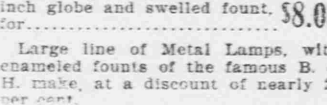
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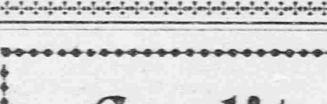
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"Well, if you would rather die—"

"I'll help you!" broke in the wife, throwing her arms about her husband and drawing his head down on her breast. "Poor papa!" she whispered, stroking his hair with her knotted, freckled hands. "It'll be all right."

An hour later they sat together in the old horse car. His arm was in a sling, and a club-shaped bandage took the place of his right hand. It was redolent of iodine, and the people moved away from them; it made Nichol himself a little sick. He was very white under his grizzled beard, but his lips were firm. She still sobbed, and her face was blotched and swollen from her tears. Now and then big Nichol patted her shoulder. "There, there, wife," he repeated automatically. "It don't hurt now."

The trees outside the cobbler's shop were shaking their yellow leaves on the pavement. Here and there among them fluttered a yellow moth. This was the meaning of the caterpillars. From the open door came the familiar tap, tap, tap of the hammer, and even across the street one could smell the odor of leather.

But Nichol Helm was not there; his work wedged between his knees and his thin needle stabbing unceasingly in and

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